CALIFORNIA



In 2002, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,284,900 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 119,900 in California.
- 555,500 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 51,800 in California.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

California: 186.9 National: 206.0

California ranks 46th highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2002, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 14,300 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in California.
- 13,100 men and women will die of lung cancer in California.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1995–1999³

	California	National
Overall	49.4	57.7
White	50.7	57.5
Black	64.1	67.8
Hispanic	21.0	23.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	30.9	29.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	e 22.8	36.2

BREAST CANCER

In 2002, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 19,900 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in California.
- 3,900 women will die of breast cancer in California.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 women, by race, 1995–1999³

	California	National
Overall	27.1	28.8
White	28.1	28.2
Black	35.0	37.1
Hispanic	15.9	17.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	13.9	13.0
American Indian/Alaska Nativo	e 11.2	15.0

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2002, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 12,900 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in California.
- 4,900 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in California.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1995–1999³

	California	National
Overall	18.6	21.7
White	18.5	21.3
Black	25.9	29.0
Hispanic	11.1	12.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	14.8	13.3
American Indian/Alaska Nativ	e 5.8	13.5

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2002, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 17,300 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in California.
- 2,800 men will die of prostate cancer in California.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 men, by race, 1995–1999³

	California	National
Overall	29.3	33.9
White	29.3	31.2
Black	58.9	72.8
Hispanic	19.4	21.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	13.6	14.3
American Indian/Alaska Nativ	e 9.5	17.5

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2002. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2002. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. State death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1995–1999. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

³ Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.